

CRIME VICTIM NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

After the offender has been sentenced

The Process of conviction and sentencing of the offender can be confusing. Under Colorado State law (C.R.S. 24-4.1-302) You have the right to be notified of certain changes in the status of the offender.

You have rights as a victim of crime

If you choose to not be kept informed, complete and return the Opt Out form below. The agency to which the offender has been sentenced is responsible for providing you notice of the following information:

- Offender change of location to a less secure facility,
- Hearings and dispositions regarding further action in the case,
- Completion of sentence, and
- Escape, disappearance, or death of the offender

Please contact the agency DIRECTLY if you have more specific questions.

Remember to make this process work, it is your responsibility to notify the agency in the event of an address or telephone change.

Appeals

Victims have the right to be notified if, after sentence, an offender appeals the judgement of conviction, sentence or post-conviction court order. The convicted offender may also seek post-conviction review of the case in the trial court. The office of the Attorney General represents the People of the State of Colorado for a case on appeal.

These challenges may occur long after sentencing.

It is important to keep your current address and phone number on file with the Attorney General's Victim Services coordinator and your District Attorney Victim/Witness Unit.

Attorney General
Victim Services Coordinator
1525 Sherman Street, 5th Floor
Denver, CO 80203
303-866-5788

Office of the District Attorney
Victim/Witness Unit
PO Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5031
970-244-1730

The Offender in your case has been sentenced by the court to one of the following:

The Probation Department provides the Court with information to determine the sentence and supervises adult and juvenile offenders sentenced to community programs. Supervision may include counseling, treatment program referral, restitution collection, and drug and alcohol testing. There are specialized sexual perpetrator, drug, and female offender programs, plus intensive supervision for certain high-risk offenders. Offenders must follow certain terms and conditions; if they fail to do so, they may be returned to court for further action.

The County Jail may hold offenders for up to two years. It is possible for a sentence to include work release, which allows inmates to leave the facility during working hours to maintain employment. A sentence to county jail is different from a sentence to the state Department of Corrections.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) administers state prisons transitional community corrections and parole supervision. Generally, adult felony offenders with a least one year to serve are sentence to DOC which decides in which institution the offender stays. Offenders may be released prior to sentence completion by being moved to a halfway house in as community setting or being granted parole by the State Board of Parole. Offenders on parole must keep their parole officer advised of their activities during the time that they are on parole.

The Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) provides supervision and care for juveniles who are at least ten years of age. Youths over the age of 18 may be committee DYC if the criminal act was committed prior to their 18th birthday. Custody may continue up to the age of 21. The commitment period includes residential treatment, followed by transition and aftercare/parole services. Each youth must serve six months on parole in addition to the commitment period.

Community Corrections is an alternative to a prison sentence. Offenders, screened by a local Community Corrections Board, live in a controlled, residential environment in the community. They leave for work and treatment services. After successful completion of the residential phase, offender may, for the rest of their sentence, live at home or a place approved by the Community Corrections case manager and court.

VICTIM NOTIFICATION PROGRAM OPT-OUT

You are encouraged to keep a copy of this document for your records. Use separate form(s) for additional offender(s) or if an offender is sentenced to two different agencies such as probation and the jail.

Offender's Name _____ Date of Birth (if known) _____

Mesa County Court Case Number _____ Approximate Sentencing Date _____

Offense/Statement of Crime _____

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Victim/Witness Unit at the District Attorney's Office.

Victim/Designee requesting information. This information **will not** be provided to the offender.

Print Name _____ Home Phone (_____) _____
_____ Okay to leave a message at this

number
Print Name of person filling out form if other than victim _____

Address _____ Work Phone (_____) _____
_____ Okay to leave a message at this

number
City, State, Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____
If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign

Alternate Contact _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

IMPORTANT: Please circle the agency to which the offender was sentenced and send to that agency.

21st Judicial District Probation
PO Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5042
970-257-3600

Mesa County Sheriff's Office
Detention Facility
PO Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO 81502-5016
970-244-3500

Department of Corrections
Victim Notification Program
2862 South Circle Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
800-886-7688

Division of Youth Corrections
Victim Notification Program
4255 S. Knox Court
Denver, CO 80236
303-866-7852

Community Corrections
650 South Avenue
PO Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO 81502
970-244-3300

Criminal Justice Services Department
636 South Avenue
PO Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO 81502
970-244-3344